Student Government Association
Meeting #2 Minutes

August 28, 2009

I. Call to order
President Travis Brannon called to order the regular meeting of the Student Government Association at 1:02 on Friday, August 28, 2009 in Slemp Student Center.

II. Roll call
Stephanie Lawson conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Travis Brannon, Luke Parks, Clint Tipton, Stephanie Lawson, Josh Vaughan, Leah Arthur, Ashlee Washburn, Luke Rasnick, Meagan Boyd, James Tiffany, Chris Lester, and Dean Worley. Justin Fitzgerald was absent.

III. Approval of Agenda for 4/3/09
Senator Josh Vaughan made a motion to approve the agenda for August 28, 2009. Senator Luke Rasnick seconded that motion. The motion passed 6-0, unanimous.

IV. Approval of minutes
No minutes from last meeting.

V. Secretary Report
Secretary Stephanie Lawson apologized for missing the first meeting, but had to be out of town for prior engagement. She said it is going to be a good year. She asked the senators to please stay and fill some more information out at the end of the meeting.

VI. Treasurer’s Report
Clint Tipton told everyone that this in not the finalized budget, but a budget as if we are working with a 15% cut, which is the worst-case scenario. We will have to wait to approve the budget, until we know for sure. If they do cut it, the budget will be less than it was when Travis and Luke came in as freshman. We will have to stretch our money and try some different things. Senator Josh Vaughan pointed out that the Holly Ball allotment was greater than last year and that could be something we could pull from. Right now, we have $2140.00 that we can allot.
VII. Vice-President’s Report

Luke Parks said he was very excited about this new year. There are no committees yet, we are just waiting for the rest of the senators to be elected to make those and their chairman.

VIII. Special Orders

No special orders.

Elections – Chris Lester said that petitions are due today. We can use Jenzabar for elections, and we are still setting that up. There has been a very good turnout with petitions. The elections are September 7 – September 9. Travis Brannon asked if it was possible to extend the deadline till Monday since not everyone got a petition. Chris said that would be find so petitions will be due on Monday, August 31.

IX. New Business

a.) Bass Anglers Club – They are asking to be approved as a club on campus. They want to start this club first of all because it is a good way to meet people and also a lot of people love fishing and it can bring people together. They can talk and learn about tricks for fishing. They could even clean the pond so it could be available for fishing (the one near the football field). They are willing to set up tournaments for fishing. There are already about eight people interested. This would be a good idea and a good thing for campus. Travis mentioned that they do need a faculty advisor, and Steve McCoy would be a good person to ask. We will review and vote on this next week.

b.) SVEA – Every fall SVEA has Funtasia. Kids from all over can come and play. They have educational games and other games. There are people that dress up as characters. They can win books, and games. Kids do pay for it, and the money goes to buy clothes and Christmas presents for needy children. SGA has supported them for many years. They are asking for $1500, which is half (total is $3000). Leah Arthur mentioned that this is a wonderful event for the kids. It is a lot of fun. Luke Rasnick asked how they advertise. They said it was by flyers, website, and word of mouth. We will review and come back next week.

X. Advisor’s Report

Dean Worley told everyone that there are a number of petitions for other positions. Now they will verify the number of hours and GPA to make sure everyone is eligible. We will vote online 9/7-9/9 from 8:00 a.m. on the first day till 5:00 pm on the last day. Hopefully, we will have a full set of officers by September 10. We will also nominate representatives for Homecoming queen during elections. On September 11 we will have training for SGA and the E-Board will do the cooking along with Dean Worley’s husband. On September 23, there will be a Student Leadership Appreciation Luncheon and next week she will be asking for money to help sponsor that luncheon. There was some question over whether or not we can extend deadline of petitions, but all Constitution says is that elections shall be by third week of September, and this is still true.

XI. Announcements
There is RHA Bingo night in new Residence Hall. A lot of Greek Recruitment activities will be going on. Remember to bring budgets back next week.

XII. Adjournment

Senator Leah Arthur made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Senator Ashlee Washburn seconded that motion. The motion passed, 6-0, unanimous. President Travis Brannon adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Stephanie Lawson, Secretary